



California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Severe Weather
Flash Flooding, Southern California
September 8, 2014 at 1235 hours

SITUATION UPDATE:

Riverside County

Per Riverside County via the Cal OES Southern Region Duty Officer:

Riverside County Fire Dept. Office of Emergency Services staff are currently collecting situational updates from cities, special districts, Tribes and other partners within the Operational Area to determine situation status and any needs.

- Thousand Palms:
 - Animal Shelter will not be accepting animals today due to roads to the animal shelter are impassable. Riv. Co. Animal Services working on drafting press release.
 - Minor to moderate damage is being reported; additional information is being gathered.
- City of Riverside:
 - 13 customers without power
 - Minor to moderate damage to several parks in City
 - Flood channel near Ryan Bonaminio Park has sustained damage
- City of La Quinta
 - Minor damage throughout the city

Road Closures

- No major route closures at this time.
- Local road closures: <http://www.rctlma.org/trans/>

Schools

- Desert Sands Unified: Adams Elementary School was evacuate due to water in electrical room; school must be closed due to lack of power; students evacuated via school buses to District Office to be re-united with parents.

Activations

- Riverside County EOC is not activated at this time.

SITUATION OVERVIEW:

The remnants of what was Hurricane Norbert continue to meander slowly northward off the coast of Baja California. The now post-tropical cyclone is currently forecast to approach the Baja coast late Tuesday (9/9) and Wednesday (9/10). Meanwhile, extensive tropical moisture is in place across the desert southwest with widespread showers and slow-moving thunderstorms

(some with very heavy and prolonged rainfall) over AZ, mainly southern NV and southern CA. These showers and thunderstorms may very well continue off and on through at least Wednesday. Flash flood watches and/or warnings are in effect for much of this region. In addition to heavy precipitation at times over the desert southwest, coastal areas are concerned about elevated surf, strong rip currents and possible minor tidal flooding during high tides.

Expected Impacts:

- **Coastal Impacts:**

- Waves and surf 3-6 feet with local sets 8 feet along south facing beaches from Ventura County southward to and including San Diego County.
- Rip currents: Extensive rip currents along with the waves and surf will make for dangerous swimming and surfing conditions.
- Flooding: Local minor flooding of low-lying areas possible during high tides

Precipitation Amounts:

Precipitation amounts will be highly variable across the region. Higher terrain over southern CA and the southeast CA deserts may see as much as 1-3" through Wednesday (9/10) with much lesser amounts reaching coastal areas as far west as Ventura, CA.

- Flash Flood Warnings are in effect until 1400 hours today for portions of San Diego and Riverside Counties.
- Flash Flood Warnings are in effect until 1445 hours today for portions of San Bernardino County.
- Flash Flood Watches are in effect through this evening for portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Inyo Counties.

County Warning Points continue to be briefed by the California State Warning Center as severe weather products issued by NWS Weather Forecast Offices evolve.

There are no unmet needs or requests for State assistance at this time. The Cal OES Southern Region Duty Officer continues to monitor the situation via OA Duty Officers. The Southern Region EOC is prepared to activate should the need arise.